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Applicant(s): Yoshiki KAWAOKA							
Invention: IMAGE FILE APPARATUS AND METHOD							
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.							
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks/Arguments.